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SPECIAL

RECOGNITION

AWARDS

The Phoenix DEA Asset Removal/Conspiracy Task Force Group

Members

Arizona Attorney Generals's Office

Billie Rosen, Assistant Attorney General

Phoenix DEA Asset Removal/Conspiracy Task Force Group

John M. Plover, Group Supervisor

Ruben Garcia, Special Agent

Mike Huerta, Special Agent

Robert Struble, Special Agent

DEA - London Country Office

Michael McManamon, Country Attache'

Irish Police - Dublin, Ireland

Kevin Ring, Detective Sergeant

U. S. Customs Service - Orlando, Florida

Norman Del Toro, Special Agent

Glendale Police Department

Bruce Lowe, Detective

Rob Hawkins, Detective

Nevada State Gaming Commission - Las Vegas, Nevada

James Taylor, Special Agent

Scottsdale Police Department

Todd Larson, Task Force Agent

Joseph LeDuc, Task Force Agent

Bill Moloney, Detective

U. S. Attorney's Office - District of Arizona

Steve Logan, Assistant United States Attorney

The DEA Phoenix Asset Removal/Conspiracy Group (AR/CG) is a multi-agency group comprised of DEA Special Agents, and federally deputized DEA Task Force Agents from the Scottsdale, Phoenix, and Mesa Police Departments. Special efforts in a particular case will include the coordination and assistance from other fellow federal law enforcement agencies as well as request for prosecution assistance from federal and state agencies. The Asset Removal/ Conspiracy Groups's purpose is to identify significant drug traffickers and their organizations, confirm the illicit source(s) of their income, seize their assets, and ensure they are prosecuted in the most effective venue. The Asset Removal/Conspiracy Group works closely with multiple federal, state and local law enforcement agencies in order to accomplish its mission.

The DEA Phoenix Division Asset Removal/Conspiracy Group conducted an investigation into a major drug trafficking/money laundering organization headed by Mark David Branon. The investigation resulted in the filing of multiple criminal charges by the State of Arizona. Arizona Assistant Attorney General, Ms. Billie Rosen, was assigned to prosecute Branon and his associates. In March of 2001, while preparing for the state trial of the Branon organization, an unsuccessful assassination attempt was made against Ms. Rosen; however, her brother was critically wounded in the attack and suffered permanent injuries.

The joint agency, post- shooting investigation, resulted in the acquisition of sufficient additional evidence to charge Branon with several violations of federal law, including his role in the attempted assassinations of Ms. Rosen and Mr. Sheldon Sherman.

Investigators learning of Branon's initial intent to avoid prosecution in the United States and flee to the Republic of Ireland. This information led investigators and prosecutors to the development of an coordinated effort with the Irish National Police and to the execution of several search warrants in the Republic of Ireland. Branon was remanded, and while in pre-trial confinement, attempted to take his own life and authored a written confession, detailing his culpability in the alleged crimes, which he left in his cell.

On May 14, 2003, a federal jury convicted 40 year old Branon, of Use of a Firearm in a Crime of violence in the attempted murder of an Assistant State Attorney General. The jury also convicted Branon for engaging in a Continuing Criminal Enterprise, in which the drug conspiracy involving multi-ton quantities of marijuana, and his criminal marijuana enterprise made millions of dollars. He was also convicted of controlling 2 residences in Scottsdale, Arizona as "stash houses" where the marijuana was stored. In addition, Branon was convicted of using a firearm in a violent crime, being a felon in possession of a firearm and being in possession of a firearm with an obliterated serial number. The jury found the defendant conspired with others to obtain a weapon which was fitted with a silencer and had an obliterated serial number. The jury further found a gun was discharged in the attempted murder of the State of Arizona Assistant Attorney General responsible for the state court prosecution. Branon faces a prison terms of 780 months to life.

This investigation exemplifies the cooperation that can exist among various law enforcement agencies, when their respective jurisdiction issues are set aside and they work together toward a common goal.

Terry J. DeBoer
Executive Officer/Director's Office
Arizona Department of Public Safety

Terry J. DeBoer, honored on this May 29, 2003, for his service to the Arizona Association of Chiefs of Police and the Arizona Law Enforcement Coordinating Committee. Terry was appointed Executive Director of the Arizona Association of Chiefs of Police (AACOP) in 1998. His service to AACOP, in provision of an array of support duties as well as acting as liaison to over nine different other organizations, was unprecedented. All this while continuing to act as the Executive Officer, in the Director's Office, at Arizona Department of Public Safety.

This award is given in recognition of his many years of dedicated and extraordinary service on the Arizona Law Enforcement Coordinating Committees's, Executive Committee, the Law Enforcement Coordinating Committees Training and Conference Advisory Subcommittee, and for serving as the Treasurer for the Arizona Law Enforcement Coordinating Committee.

Arthur E. Tracy
Supervisory Border Patrol Agent, Tucson Sector

Robert M. Lawler
Border Patrol Agent, Tucson Sector

Jered W. Bacon
Border Patrol Agent, Tucson Sector

This award is given in recognition of these three agents, as acknowledge by Nogales resident, Ms. Rita M. Strempack.

While on duty, at the nearby Nogales International Airport, on August 31, 2001, at 1:00 am, Supervisory Agent Tracy and Agents Lawler and Bacon, spotted an orange glow through their binoculars. Quickly responding, they reported a fire and rushed to the scene, rousing and evacuating all 22 residents of the Arizona Winery Complex.

Due to the timely efforts of these three agents, not only were 22 lives saved but the surrounding businesses and buildings as well.

The Law Enforcement Coordinating Committee would like to provide special recognition to all three individuals for their heroic efforts.



EXCELLENCE
IN
COOPERATIVE
LAW ENFORCEMENT
BY A
GROUP OR TASK FORCE

***Arizona Coalition for Victim Services
Arizona Response Crisis Team (ARCT)***

Nominated by: Dennis A. Garrett, Director, Arizona Department of Public Safety

Since 1999, Arizona's Coalition for Victim Services-Arizona Response Crisis Team (ARCT) has brought the concept of networking crime victim service providers across the state to respond to incidents of mass crime victimization and terrorism to a functioning reality. The ARCT has developed and marketed this concept, implemented a training curriculum for a coordinated response and continues to tirelessly recruit and train members state-wide.

The ARCT has enhanced public safety by linking together members of the criminal justice community, fire departments, healthcare, non-profit agencies and faith based organizations. Now, when a mass victimization such as a school shooting, or incident of terrorism affects Arizona, there will be hundreds of ARCT members statewide trained and ready to deploy to assist the community in need. These dedicated ARCT members will supplement the community's response to meet the needs of the victims while enabling law enforcement to concentrate their resources on investigating the crime.

Nominated by: Paul W. Ahler, Chief Deputy, Maricopa County Attorney's Office

Americans today face an unprecedented risk of experiencing or being affected by a traumatic crisis event in or around their community. Believing that local and state governments share the responsibility for protecting their citizens from disaster and for helping them to recover when disaster strikes, the Arizona Response Crisis Team (ARCT) was established.

ARCT is a collaborative effort of members from Arizona's criminal justice community in addition to representatives from fire departments, healthcare, non-profit agencies and faith based organizations who have had formal training and direct crisis experience involving manmade and natural disasters. In 2001, the ARC Team began developing a protocol, implemented a training curriculum and assembled a pool of volunteer instructors. Through this training, ARCT members will be able to effectively address the needs of communities throughout Arizona in the aftermath of such mass crime victimization as the Oklahoma City Bombing, the Columbine School shooting and September 11th. Because of their efforts, agencies throughout the country will continue to monitor their progress and imitate the protocol that this group has established.

***Arizona Coalition for Victim Services
Arizona Response Crisis Team (ARCT)***
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Members

Maricopa County Attorney's Office

Jamie Mabery, Chief, Victim Services
Donna Pickering, Victim Advocate/Trainer

Phoenix Police Department

Carl Richardson, Sergeant

Phoenix Fire Department

Don Peyton, Program Manager
Karla Houston, Assistant Program Manager
Gary Gall, Captain
Tom Skowronski, Weapons of Mass Destruction Expert

Glendale Fire Department

Elio Pompa, Captain
Lynette Jelinek, Community Emergency Response Coordinator

Arizona Department of Public Safety

Sheila Markwell, Crime Victim Services Liaison Officer
Tom Opalka, Volunteer
James Warriner, Sergeant
Father Joe O'Donnell, Catholic Priest
Vic McCraw, Sergeant

Steven Pitt and Assoc.

Dr. Steven Pitt, Psychologist

Good Samaritan Hospital

Maryalice Witzel, Disaster/Prehospital Manager
Mariana DeLuna, Disaster/Prehospital Secretary

Yuma Family Advocacy Center

Dan Mitchell, Executive Director

Victim/Witness for Coconino County

Nancy Hiatt, Executive Director

Mesa Prosecutor's Office

Cindy Schofield

Volunteer

Bob White

Border Anti-Narcotic Network (B.A.N.N)

Nominated by: Shawn T. Cooper, Commander, Uniform Operations Division, Pima County Sheriff's Department

The BANN task force was formed as a result of the member agencies recognizing that cooperation between the state, local and federal law enforcement agencies was necessary to combat the fast growing sophistication of the crime organizations that deal in narcotics. It was recognized that crimes against persons and property were closely linked to narcotic use and that deterring narcotic smuggling would have a positive impact on the quality of life of the residents of Arizona. Resources and intelligence are shared and pooled to mount operations that, due to the remoteness of the area and limited resources, the member agencies would not have been able to accomplish individually. In 2001, BANN made 367 narcotic arrests, seized 121,301.13 pounds of marijuana, 95.5 pounds of cocaine, 451.75 pounds of meth, 2 grams of heroin, \$433,469 in currency, and 181 vehicles. In the first six months of 2002 BANN operations have resulted in 270 arrests, the seizure of 102,226.72 pounds of marijuana, 27.74 pounds of cocaine, \$329,253.00 in currency, and 43 vehicles seized. The success of BANN is due to the cooperation between the member agencies.

Members

Pima County Sheriff's Department

Ajo District

David B. Allen, Lieutenant
Task Force Commander
Kevin Griffith, Sergeant
Billy Ned, Sergeant
Bill Clements, Detective
Bill Nunez, Deputy
Chris Wilson, Deputy
MichaelJon Amado, Deputy
William Gallego, Deputy
Jeff Love, Deputy
Larry Peacock, Deputy
Michael Walsh, Deputy
Ken Walsh, Deputy
Terra Whitney, Deputy
Dennis Sutton, Deputy
Gilbert Caudillo, Deputy
Gary Chatham, Deputy

United States Customs Service

Gil Schmelzinger, Group Supervisor
Joe Scimone, Group Supervisor
Jim Cherry, Special Agent
Elise Green, Special Agent
Phillips Keys, Special Agent
Robert Pittenridge, Special Agent
Shaun Harris, Special Agent
Ron Appel Jr., Special Agent
Gene Mendoza, Special Agent
Manuel Ochoa, Special Agent
Frank Villafane, Special Agent
Oliver Lashley, Special Agent
William Flubking, Special Agent
John Martelli, Special Agent
Richard Curry, Special Agent
Eric Hyer, Special Agent
William Dreeland, Special Agent
Douglas Kunow, Special Agent
Kevin Liles, Special Agent
Marvin Eleando, Custom Patrol Officer
Kevin Carlos, Custom Patrol Officer
Robert Antone, Custom Patrol Officer
Edward Cline Jr., Custom Patrol Officer

Border Anti-Narcotic Network (B.A.N.N)
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United States Customs Service, cont'd.

Henry Tenario, Custom Patrol Officer
Gary Ortega, Custom Patrol Officer
Douglas Bothof, Custom Patrol Officer
Curtis Heim, Custom Patrol Officer
Harold Myers, Custom Patrol Officer
Michael Kittson, Custom Patrol Officer
Brian Gobert, Custom Patrol Officer
Lambert Cross, Custom Patrol Officer
David Scout, Custom Patrol Officer
Brian Nez, Custom Patrol Officer
Paul Norris, Custom Patrol Officer
Harold Thompson, Custom Patrol Officer
Jason Garcia, Custom Patrol Officer
Sloan Satepahoodle, Custom Patrol Officer
Charmaine Harris, Custom Patrol Officer
John Bothof, Custom Patrol Officer

United States National Park Service

Organ Pipe National Monument

Dale Thompson, Chief Park Ranger
Bo Stone, Ranger
Brian Fields, Ranger
Kristopher W. Eggle, Ranger (posthumously)
Matt Walls, Ranger
Carl Pearson, Ranger
Adam Kelsey, Ranger

Tohono O'odham Nation

Dave Cray, Sergeant

United States Fish & Wildlife Services

Lyle Williams
Vergial Harp
Roger Dirosa
Mike Lusk

Arizona Department of Public Safety

Tim Goodwin, Sergeant

Bureau of Land Management

Dale Carpenter, Ranger

Navajo County Major Crimes Apprehension Team (MCAT)

Nominated by: **Greg Eavenson, Chief Deputy Sheriff, Task Force Administrator,
Navajo County Sheriff's Office**

The Navajo County Major Crimes Apprehension Team (MCAT) is a multi-jurisdictional Task Force comprised of state, county and municipal law enforcement officers. Situated in Northeastern Arizona, MCAT is divided into two squads of officers which serve the Northern and Southern portions of Navajo County. The North squad serves the Cities of Winslow, Holbrook, Snowflake/Taylor and all of the unincorporated communities in that area. The South squad serves the Cities of Show Low and Pinetop/Lakeside, and all of the unincorporated communities to include Heber and White Mountain Lakes.

MCAT's primary emphasis is the enforcement of narcotic laws throughout Navajo County. Secondly the Team provides assistance to all local agencies in the investigation of Burglary, Robbery, Homicides and provides surveillance activities when requested. MCAT Officers assist local agencies in the securing and serving of arrest and search warrants on major crimes. Members of MCAT conduct narcotic drug information classes to local area and Indian Reservation schools. Some MCAT members participate in coaching children's athletic programs as their way to provide positive influence in their communities.

Members

Arizona. Department of Public Safety

Larry Parks, Sergeant
Ron Lewis, Officer
Dave Rush, Officer
J.J. Grzelak, Officer
Angela Madrid, Officer
Ken Bays, Officer
Barry Maerker, Officer
Jeff Eavenson, Officer
Evan Larson, Officer

Winslow Police Department

Arturo Zacarias, Officer
Ken Arend, Officer

Holbrook Police Department

Mike Queiruga, Officer
Nathan Christensen, Officer

Show Low Police Department

Walter Bulnes, Officer

Pinetop/Lakeside Police Department

Doug Lieurance, Officer

Snowflake/Taylor Police Department

Terry Owen, Officer

Navajo County Sheriff's Office

Kelly C. Clark, Sergeant
Brandon Gardner, Deputy
Pamela Jones, Secretary

HIDTA Enforcement Agencies Task Force

(HEAT)

Nominated by: David Gonzales, U.S. Marshal, U.S. Marshals Service

HEAT (HIDTA Enforcement Activities Task Force) is a multi-agency fugitive task force, established in 1993, working out of Tucson and covering all of southeastern Arizona. HEAT has task force agents from the United States Marshals Service, Pima County Sheriff's Department, Tucson Police Department, Arizona Department of Public Safety, Pima County Adult Probation Office and Federal Bureau of Investigation. HEAT targets fugitives wanted on outstanding felony warrants for violation of federal and state laws.

HEAT cleared 1136 felony warrants in 2002, including felons charged with: murder, attempted murder, aggravated assault, sexual assault/rape, armed robbery, drug trafficking, firearms and other weapons violations, burglary, forgery, various theft and fraud charges and felony probation/parole violations. In 2002 HEAT recovered 29 handguns, shotguns and rifles, 5 explosive devices, more than \$17,000 in suspected drug cash, various quantities of cocaine, methamphetamine, marijuana, heroin and crack, 2 stolen cars and other stolen property.

Members

United States Marshals Service

Rick Lovelace, Supervisory Deputy U.S. Marshal

Luis Noriega, Deputy U.S. Marshal

Ron Schlagel, Deputy U.S. Marshal

Eulalio Pacheco, Deputy U.S. Marshal

Richard Tracy, Deputy U.S. Marshal

Parrish Blasius, Deputy U.S. Marshal

John Locke, Deputy U.S. Marshal

Patrick Muldowney, Deputy U.S. Marshal

Carey Bunker, Deputy U.S. Marshal

Carl LoPresti, Deputy U.S. Marshal

Dennis Harkins, Deputy U.S. Marshal

Sharon Woods, Investigative Research Analyst

James "Keith" Cox, Investigative Research Analyst

Enrique Rivera (Natl. Guard),

Investigative Research Analyst

Veronica Yubeta, Investigative Research Analyst

Tucson Police Department

Dennis Kubik, Detective

Arizona Department of Public Safety

Charles Hilton, Detective

Pima County Sheriff's Department

Paul Leonardi, Sergeant

Sam Almodova, Detective

Mike Powell, Detective

Isiah Permelia, Detective

Ralph Nunez, Detective

Fernando Egurrola, Detective

Frank Gomez, Detective

Joie Murray, Investigative Research Analyst

Pima County Adult Probation

Ruben Rosales, Probation Officer

William Bartlett, Probation Officer

Federal Bureau of Investigation

James "Jeff" Middlebrook, Special Agent

Operation Safe Streets 2002

Nominated by: **A.J. Edmondson, Lieutenant/Organized Crime Bureau, Gang Enforcement Unit, Phoenix Police Department**

Operation Safe Streets is an annual multi-agency program that is implemented during the summer months when juvenile crime and gang activity often peak. This is a zero tolerance enforcement program with an intervention component, that seeks to reduce overall gang violence and juvenile crime, ensuring the safety of all citizens and youth at risk citywide. This year's program was extremely challenging due to a reduction in personnel. The 2002 Safe Streets Team was the smallest team in the thirteen year history of the program.

Despite the reduction in staff personnel, the Safe Streets Team apprehended eight out of the ten subjects from their most wanted "Top Ten" list. They made 622 arrests including 249 gang member arrests and 2, 389 traffic citations were issued. Criminal investigations led to the service of 18 search warrants. While assisting other investigative details the Safe Streets Team apprehended 15 Aggravated Assault Suspects, 5 Armed Robbery Suspects, 2 Dangerous Child Molesters, 3 Homicide Suspects and recovered 20 stolen vehicles. The primary goal of Safe Streets is to reduce overall acts of gang violence by at least 5% each year. This year's program surpassed all reasonable expectations, as the Safe Streets Team reduced overall acts of gang-related violence by 16%.

Members

Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms

Jose Wall, Special Agent
Darrell Smith, Detective
(Phoenix Police Dept., Assigned to ATF)

Immigration and Naturalization Service

Anthony Russo, Special Agent
Michael Wescott, Special Agent
Jeff Barczak, Special Agent

Phoenix Police Department

Team A

Edward Rodriguez, Sergeant
Alex Archuleta, Detective
Troy Banks, Detective
Donald Bent, Detective
Donnie Coury, Detective
Clint Davis, Detective
James Gallagher, Detective
Jeff Knaup, Detective
Rusty Stuart, Detective
Susan Heimbigner, Officer

Team B

Kendall Moreland, Sergeant
Paul DeCoste, Detective
Steven Denney, Detective
Patrick Garcia, Detective
Douglas McBride, Detective
Julie Speirs, Detective
Chris Scott, Detective
Derek Stephenson, Detective
John Monigan, Officer

Team C

Anthony Vasquez, Sergeant
James Bracke, Detective
Michael Conrad, Detective
Greg Hernandez, Detective
Carl Jaensson, Detective
John Myers, Detective
Robert Neville, Detective
Jeff Nolder, Detective
Mark Schweikert, Detective
Nicholas Diponzio, Officer
Michael Rohme, Officer

Team D

Operation Safe Streets 2002
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Todd Goehring, Sergeant
Sean Burton, Detective
Kevin Delamater, Detective
Sam Favela, Detective
Sean Hall, Detective
Todd Moore, Detective
Joseph Munos, Detective
Lou Manganiello, Officer
Dennis Porter, Officer

Safe Streets Motor Team
Sergeant James Yahner, Sergeant
Michael Dropik, Officer
Dan Fulton, Officer
Daniel Malone, Officer
Billy Sampson, Officer
Bruce Stallman, Officer
Steve Weekley, Officer

FBI Violent Street Gang Task Force

Nominated by: Brian Truchon, Supervisory Special Agent, FBI

The FBI Violent Street Gang Task Force (VSGTF) is comprised of representatives from the FBI, Arizona Department of Corrections, Department of Public Safety, Mesa Police Department, and Phoenix Police Department, and was established to identify the most violent criminal enterprises in the Phoenix metropolitan area. Using the "Enterprise Theory" of investigation, the aim of the VSGTF is to disrupt and dismantle the leadership and operations of those criminal enterprises.

Significant investigations focused on the Hells Angels Motorcycle Club (HAMC), Arizona Nomads Chapter; the Piru Bloods, a violent street gang based out of Compton, California; and the Arizona New Mexican Mafia. These investigations have reaped numerous arrests and indictments, and a plethora of weapons and property seizures.

Members

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Brian Truchon, Supervisory Special Agent

Joe Gordwin, Special Agent

Paris Johnson, Special Agent

Keith Kelly, Special Agent

Kevin McBrien, Special Agent

Scott Meloche, Special Agent

Daniel Musser, Special Agent

Maria Savage, Special Agent

Steven Smith, Special Agent

Manuel Zapata Jr., Special Agent

Arizona Department of Corrections

Humberto Preciado, Parole Supervisor

Arizona Department of Public Safety

David Platt, Detective

Mesa Police Department

Jeff Jacobs, Detective

Phoenix Police Department

Alex Berezow, Detective

Robert Arce, Detective

Michael Maya, Detective

Gordon Penberthy, Detective

Armando Saldate III, Detective

Brent Wise, Detective

Operation Bootleg

Nominated by: **Patrick Schneider, Criminal Chief, U.S. Attorney's Office**

Members of this task force routinely see the impact of alcohol and substance use on victims of crime and the public. To address the disorder and crime caused by alcohol on the Navajo Nation, they used their experiences to develop and implement a method to attack the illegal distribution of alcohol on the Navajo Indian reservation.

The Navajo tribal law enforcement, under Sgt. Lange's leadership, worked to identify appropriate communities, targets and supplemental manpower, while Special Agent McDonald Rominger, on behalf of the Flagstaff FBI, provided additional manpower, equipment and investigative resources to the undercover operation. These individuals monitored the operation from its inception through the arrests. Assistant U.S. Attorney Joe Lodge provided legal guidance throughout the operation and handled the defendants' cases as they moved through the federal justice system.

The collective efforts of this task force culminated in a large public demonstration of the success of cooperative federal and tribal law enforcement efforts. Moreover, the public nature of the arrests contributed to deterring alcohol sales within the affected communities and contributed to a more orderly environment for the Navajo communities for months thereafter.

Members

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Northern Arizona Resident Agency
McDonald Rominger, Special Agent

Navajo Department. of Law Enforcement
Timothy Lange, Sergeant

U.S. Attorney's Office
Joseph Lodge, Assistant U.S. Attorney

Operation Kiipokya

Nominated by: **Patrick Schneider, Criminal Chief, U.S. Attorney's Office**

Operation "Kiipokya" was a four month undercover bootlegging investigation developed by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Office of Law Enforcement, Phoenix Office; the Hopi Tribal Police; Hopi Tribal Prosecutor's Office; and the Flagstaff United States Attorney's Office. This group came together after the Hopi leadership asked for assistance in curbing the impact of illegal alcohol and substance use on the Hopi communities. An increase in disorder, family disturbances, child neglect and abuse were among the concerns identified by the leadership with a common link – alcohol.

The Phoenix and Hopi BIA law enforcement agencies mobilized to provide investigative and manpower resources to identify suspects and develop the overall case. The Hopi tribal prosecutors gave local support and resources where necessary to obtain tribal warrants and tribal prosecutions while the federal prosecutor provided continuing legal counsel to the entire operation. The tireless efforts of this group of professionals resulted in the successful arrests and convictions of 10 individuals responsible for distributing alcohol and, in some instances, controlled substances, illegally on the Hopi Indian reservation.

The results of this operation were widely publicized in Northern Arizona and continue to be the topic of routine discussion on the Hopi reservation. This operation, not only curbed the illegal sale of alcohol on the reservation, it launched a public awareness campaign about the impact of alcohol and illegal substance use on the Hopi Indian reservation.

Members

Hopi Tribe

Wayne Taylor, Chairman

Hopi Tribal Prosecutor's Office

Dorma Nevayaktewa, Chief Prosecutor

Geoffrey Tager, Prosecutor

U.S. Department of the Interior

Bureau of Indian Affairs -Office of Law Enforcement

Steve Juneau, Special Agent in Charge

Hopi Tribal Police Department

Alfonso Sakeva, Police Chief

William Coochyouma, Criminal Investigator

United States Attorney's Office

Joseph Lodge, Assistant U.S. Attorney

South Park Sweep Operation

Nominated by: **Barbara LaWall, County Attorney, Pima County Attorney's Office**

The South Park Sweep operation is a collaborative investigative group comprised of two members of the Pima County Attorney's Office and the command staff and undercover investigative squad of the Tucson Police Department's Division South, Team One. Acting upon complaints and information provided to command staff and elected officials, these two agencies developed a strategic investigative and prosecution plan to work in concert to rid an area of Tucson of significantly heightened crack cocaine trafficking. The command staff of TPD's Team One provided a seven-member undercover squad to conduct an investigation that worked up the chain of the trafficking operations to identify the primary crack suppliers and distributors and their methods and locations of activity. The group then developed and executed a concluding search warrant and arrest warrant "sweep" of the area that netted 40 targeted offenders and shut down their operations. The group employed the assistance of one magistrate to issue all of the warrants and to conduct the initial appearances of the arrestees. This resulted in informed and appropriate bond amounts and zone restrictions being placed on the defendants. Finally, the group employed a highly-experienced, long-time drug prosecutor to prosecute each defendant. Already, one-third of the defendants have been convicted and the remainder are pending either the entry of tough plea agreements or trial. The results to the community are the restoration of the quality of life in the area, the significant reduction in all drug trafficking in the area, and the eradication of several long-time crack trafficking operations.

Members

Pima County Attorney's Office

Cynthia Sweet, Deputy County Attorney

Barbara Catrillo, Deputy County Attorney

Tucson Police Department Operational Command Staff

Robert Shoun, Captain

Terry Rozema, Captain

Rick Middleton, Lieutenant

Roger Carillo, Lieutenant

Matt Roth, Sergeant

Tucson Police Department Undercover Squad

Lonnie Bynum, Detective

Dee Dee Roberts-Meech, Detective

Danny Gallagher, Officer

Pat Olguin, Officer

Bryan Griffin, Officer

Wally Kaderly, Officer

Ward Beattie, Officer



OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS

TO

COMMUNITY
PARTNERSHIPS

FOR

PUBLIC SAFETY

Orchard Glen Weed and Seed

Nominated by: Randy Henderlite, Chief of Police, Glendale Police Department

A partnership was developed within the City of Glendale that eventually evolved into the Orchard Glen Weed and Seed. The Orchard Glen Weed and Seed established its own Steering Committee which is comprised of residents, city departments, non-profit organizations, social support agencies, business owners, educators, and the police department. The Steering Committee was tasked with addressing public safety issues with emphasis on “weeding” out crime while “seeding” in resources.

The Steering Committee successfully developed comprehensive strategies designed to address issues concerning law enforcement, community policing, and neighborhood restoration, along with the prevention, intervention, and treatment of the issues that have been plaguing this neighborhood.

Orchard Glen Weed and Seed has already accomplished a third of what it set out to do over a five-year period. Their sound strategies and the implementation of these strategies certainly meet the criteria of outstanding achievement in the development of, and support to, established community partnerships designed to address public safety.

Members

Glendale Police Department

John Wintrow, Weed & Seed Coordinator
Scott Smith, Commander
Layne Slapper, Lieutenant.

Orchard Glen Weed and Seed

Natalie Stahl, Chairperson

City of Glendale

Paula Moloff, Grants Coordinator

Community Services Group

Pam Kavanaugh, Deputy City Manager

Residents

Rosilyn Miller
Karleen Miller
Roberta Miller
Wenceslao Garcia

Los Vecions Housing Development, Inc.

Mike Fitz, Executive Director

Glendale Human Services Council, Inc.

Paige Thomas, Executive Director

Price Auto Body

Alain China, Owner

Glendale/Peoria YMCA

Montie Watkins, Community Initiative
Director

Glendale Elementary School District Grants Development & Community Education

Lori Walk, Director

Harold W. Smith Magnet School

Dr. Rick Alvarez, Principal

Glendale Community Services Department

Erik Strunk, Director

City of Glendale - Parks & Recreation

Raul Daniels, Program Manager

Tucson Crisis Intervention Team Training Group

Nominated by: Stella Bay, Lieutenant, Tucson Police Department

As a community, we recognized a need to seek out more effective methods to respond to calls for service that involve suicidal or behaviorally health challenged individuals. The purpose of this group was to create a Tucson Crisis Intervention Team training model. The group developed the goals for the model, how the model could be implemented and how it could be funded. Through the collaboration of the Tucson Police Department, Pima County Sheriff's Department, the University of Arizona, community behavioral health providers, and individuals with behavioral health challenges and their families. The Crisis Intervention Team Training group was successful in implementing a 40-hour CIT training program for police officers. Creating drop-off sites to which officers can bring offenders and get back out to the street in a timely fashion and provide adequate behavioral health support systems available for after-care when an individual leaves the drop off site. Our group continues to work on the issues surrounding people with mental illness or developmental disabilities.

Members

Tucson Police Department

Stella Bay, Lieutenant

DES

Ken Karrels

Pima County Sheriff's Dept

Elia Gonzalez, Lieutenant (retired)

Kathleen Brennan, Captain

University of Arizona

Community Rehabilitation Division

Dr. Michael Shafer

SAMHC

Carol Little, C.E.O

Dr. Laura Waterman

Lynn Mayer

C.O.P.E.

Danna Charvoz

La Frontera Center, Inc.

Beverly McGuffin

Compass Vida Libre

Pat Carnes

Kino Community Hospital

Dr. Mitch Gluck

Tucson Police Department

Dr. Mary-Wales North

Crisis Intervention Network (CIN)

Marge Casterline

Joe and Margaret Mucenski

Community Partnership of Southern AZ

Neal Cash

Cyndi Deines

Westside Coalition Weed and Seed Law Enforcement Subcommittee

Nominated by: Marcia Roberts, Weed and Seed Coordinator, Tucson Police Department

Westside Coalition Weed & Seed Law Enforcement Subcommittee is a community-based organization that brings together neighborhood stakeholders and law enforcement agencies work cooperatively to address crime in the Westside Coalition of Neighborhoods. They have substantially increased crime reporting in these neighborhoods, addressed crime, and brought together a wide range of community stakeholders in an effort to eliminate the prevalence of crime in these neighborhoods. Increased crime reporting has led to decreased tolerance for crime and a noticeable increase in neighborhood safety. Law enforcement activities are more effective. Policing operations have been more successful in providing the types of operations that have had more serious impact on drug-related crime. Anti-gang activities have had more rapid and complete successes. Additional outcomes are related to bringing groups together in areas outside law enforcement, as a result of their positive relationships within the Law Enforcement Subcommittee. Ongoing interactions promise continued and expanded success.

Members

**Westside Coalition Weed & Seed
Steering Committee
and Barrio Anita Neighborhood
Association**

Ramon Olivas, Chairperson

Tucson Police Department

Fred Cushman, Lead Patrol Officer
Marcia Roberts
Senior Community Services Project
Coordinator

Operations West

Sharon Allen, Captain

Operations Downtown

Sanford Levy, Lieutenant

Gang Unit

Mark Nisbet, Sergeant
Jim Shultz, Detective

**Pima County Attorney's Office
Civil Division**

Christine Curtis, Deputy County Attorney

City of Tucson, City Attorney's Office

Alan Merrit, City Prosecutor

**Arizona State School for the Deaf and
Blind**

Security Division

David Herrera

Pima County Health Department

Deb Agriesto, Public Health Nurse

Neighborhood Services Department

Ceci Cruz, Project Manager
Rick Saldate, Senior Residential Inspector

Menlo Park Neighborhood Association

Lillian Lopez-Grant, Past President

Barrio Hollywood Neighborhood

Association

Westside Coalition Weed and Seed Law Enforcement Subcommittee
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Margaret McKenna, Chairperson
Joan Patch, Secretary

Silvercroft Neighborhood Association

Norma Encinas

Barrio Anita Neighborhood Association

Dora Estela Dalton, Vice Chairperson

Barrio Hollywood Neighborhood Association

Joe Cates
Jocquin Murrieta

El Rio Neighborhood Association

Sylvia Natividad, Vice Chairperson
Sylvia Cordova, Secretary

Silvercroft Neighborhood Association

Gloria Manzandeo, Secretary

**Pima County Probation,
at Tucson High School**

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Kathy Posey, Social Worker

Community Justice Board Program

Nominated by: Barbara LaWall, County Attorney, Pima County Attorney's Office

In 1998, the Pima County Attorney's Office began a collaboration with Tucson neighborhoods to introduce the Community Justice Board Program. The Community Justice Board Program, as part of the restorative justice movement, enables residents in neighborhoods to have an immediate and direct impact on first- and second-time misdemeanor juvenile offenders.

The Community Justice Board Program has served 364 youth since its inception. The program serves youth age 8 -17 that are first- or second-time misdemeanor offenders who openly admit to the charges against them. There are six Community Justice Boards that each serve a very diverse population. The locations of the current boards were determined by need (juvenile arrests per month) and the willingness of volunteers to serve in that area. There are currently three boards located on the south side, Sunnyside, Elvira and Midvale Park; one on the northwest side, Flowing Wells; one on the east side, Corbett; and one rural location, Sahuarita.

There are 60 volunteers that give their time to the Community Justice Board Program. These exceptional individuals garner exceptional results. They consider the youth in their neighborhoods to be "their" children. They listen with compassion, but without judgement, to the youth that come before them. They participate in ten hours of training to qualify for the program, but yet do much of the same work as professionals in the criminal justice system. They are role models that uphold the values they work to instill in the youth. Lastly, they are committed to their community and give tirelessly so that we all may benefit from a better quality of life.

Members

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Mary Daily
Hannah Dueck
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Luzdy Stucky
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Lori Hinojosa
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Flowing Wells Community Justice Board

Rod and Betty Bailey
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Wilma Ferry
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Midvale Park Community Justice Board

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Jackie Estavillo
Gloria Trejo

Sunnyside/Elvira Community Justice

Board

Community Justice Board Program
(continued)

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Dolores Carrillo
Reina Castillo
Manny and Josie Herrera
Arnold and Carmen Maldonado
Chris Martinez
Boradel Medrano
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Jaylene Romero
Max Correl

Sahuarita Community Justice Board

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Gary H. Butler
Sheriff, Navajo County

Nominated by: Greg Eavenson, Chief Deputy Sheriff, and employees of the Navajo County Sheriff's Office

Sheriff Butler is serving his fourth term as Sheriff of Navajo County. Prior to his election in 1989 he served as a Police Officer in Scottsdale, Arizona, and moved to Show Low, his home town, to serve the Show Low Police Department. for approximately 17 years. Butler was promoted up through the ranks to Chief of Police, serving as the Chief for 11 years. Upon retirement, he was elected as a City Council member, serving one term before taking over his father's cattle ranch in Vernon, Arizona.

During his tenure as Navajo County Sheriff, Butler has served as president of the Arizona Sheriff's Association., Arizona County Attorney and Sheriff's Association, Arizona Association of Counties (twice), Arizona Police Alliance, Fraternal Order of Police, Northeastern Arizona Police Association, 911 Users Association. and the Show Low Rotary Club (twice). Additionally he has been selected to serve on the AZ.P.O.S.T. Board, Indian Affairs Committee of the National Sheriff's Association, State representative of the Western States Sheriff's Association, and Governor's Office of Highway Safety. Sheriff Butler formed the Northeastern Arizona Police Association which brings together the heads of all Navajo & Apache County, federal, state and local law enforcement agencies on a monthly basis. He initiated the first D.A.R.E. program and Child Safe program for county schools and each year plays the role of Santa Claus for children of Sheriff's Office employees. He remains very active in his church and the Boy Scouts. His leadership and never-ending work ethic was responsible for gaining funding to construct a new state-of-the-art County Detention Facility for Navajo County. With a meager budget and limited resources he effectively provides law enforcement services to all unincorporated areas of Navajo County.



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